

The Joint Committee on the Rehabilitation Building and Fire Code for Existing Buildings and Structures met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 2:30 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Stillings, Turner, Pearson, Pimental and Preiss. Vice Chairman Bernard and Commissioners Jackson, Richard and Blackburn were absent. Also present was Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

APPEALS TO BE HEARD:

APPEAL #R140003: Mr. Lawrence Cheng, for the property located at 25 Holden Street, Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz and ADSFM Christopher Dillon appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Building Official Tony Carvalho appeared for the Providence Building Official's Office. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Pimentel and Stillings to accept the Applicant's plan of action to bring this facility into compliance. The Board granted the Applicant's request for a variance on the existing stairs risers and treads in this facility. The Applicant requested a variance from the Board to use an alternative method for attaching a two-hour rated shaft wall construction on the existing one-hour rated floor ceiling assembly. The Board granted the Applicant's request for a variance to be allowed to have a deck on the roof of this building with a limited occupancy of 49 people, which must be posted by the Providence

Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL R#140001: Mr. William Scampoli, for the property located at 20 Westminster Street, Providence. ADSFM Susan Hawksley and ADSFM Christopher Dillon appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Building Official Tony Carvalho appeared for the Providence Building Official's Office. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Preiss to accept the Applicant's proposed plan of action to bring this building into compliance. The Applicant requested a variance from the Board to allow the existing elevator and the stairway to remain in the lobby and the Applicant will provide the lobby elevator with a smoke barrier or curtain to the satisfaction of the Providence Fire Marshal's Office and the Providence Building Official's office. The Board granted the Applicant a variance based on structural hardship to allow the handrails to remain on the newly installed ramp and main door entrance due to the historic significance. The Applicant was granted a variance based on structural hardship on the existing main door landing depth that doesn't meet the required depth of the code. The Applicant requested a variance based on structural hardship on the existing ceiling height of the basement that will only be used for storage. The Board granted the Applicant a variance for the installation of one (1) code compliant restroom on the first floor of this building. The Board granted the Applicant a variance to remove the deluge sprinkler head on the northwest side of the building over the existing emergency escape windows and fire escape. The Board

advised the Applicant to correct any other outstanding deficiencies deemed necessary by the Providence Fire Marshal's Office and the Providence Building Official's Office. The Applicant requested that this file remain open. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL 140004: State of Rhode Island, for the property located at 1 Lincoln Drive, Newport. DSFM Wade Palazini appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pimentel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Stillings to accept the Applicant's proposed plan of action for the renovation of this property. The Board granted the Applicant several structural and historical variances. The Board granted the Applicant a variance to limit occupancy for the second and third floor of this facility to thirty (30) people and on the first floor 104 people, posted by the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Applicant requested that this file remain open. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

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